

Prof. or Rice, of Wesleyan University, preached

before the Conference in the afternoon, and in the evening Dr. D. C. Hoildich of Washington, D. C. (son of New York), delivered a lecture on the "Reformatory Forces of Christianity."<sup>1</sup>

### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society was held in the Bible House yesterday, William H. Allen in the chair. Mr. Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut, and Robert Carter, of New York, were elected vice presidents. The report of the treasurer showed the receipts for March to be \$440.00, and the disbursements for the same month \$400.00. The resignation of Rev. Dr. Hoildich was accepted in a complimentary resolution.

### TALMAGE'S TALK.

In his sermon last night Mr. Talmage discussed the moral condition of Brooklyn as shown by the police reports, the opening of Stewart's Women's Hotel and

The Methodist conference. I congratulate the governors of the city, said he, on their public documents. A better organized police force is not to be found in any city. It is to their care that the complete quietude and order of the city of Brooklyn are due. The mounted squad have very high revolutionary matters. I demand of you, Brooklynites and New Yorkers, that, letting other cities do as they will, you honor the police. During the year the police made 26,887 arrests, over 20,000 males, showing that there were more than three times as many males as females in the city. Of the 26,887 arrests, 10,000 were for drunkenness, 3,275 drunks arraigned for violation of the law. The average of the Brooklyn police is that one man in every 100 occupations and professions have helped to make up the list of criminals. Of clergymen there were two arrested and of lawyers one. The Brooklyn police made 200 arrests of any one occupation so much as of those who had no occupation, 5,000 being idlers. The more

of this report, we go to work. Better spend your money in moving the coal from the north side of the cellar to the south side and the afternoon in moving the coal from the south side of the cellar to the north side of the cellar. It is a fact established by your city documents it is that dishonesty does not pay. Out of \$200,476 stolen during the past year, only \$10,000 was recovered. It is the most honest, most honest, story of the efficiency of our police. I must also thank God for the mercy of the city ambulance; 10,536 times during last year saved our lives from the streets. I must also thank God for the week I notice the opening of Stewart's Hotel for Women. The number of applicants is a proof of the fact that the women of this city are not idle. When the blood stained banner of the cross shall be lifted all our denominational flags will drop out of sight.

### PLYMOUTH PRAYER MEETING.

Mr. Beecher lectured in Cleveland, Ohio, last night, but he expects home this evening. At the prayer meeting, Plymouth Church, last night, Pastor Helms, finally occurred. Mr. Beecher's super

audience was not large. Mr. Halliday's talk was founded on the first verses of the first chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians and drifted into the consideration of suicides, in which he expressed the opinion that multitudes would and their troubles here by taking their own lives if they were not banished by the dread of the hereafter. This restrained them; but the Christian's hope was trust in God, and that was all sufficient to give him endurance under every form of suffering.

**DARED TO MORTAL COMBAT.**

**A TOBACCONIST CHALLENGES HIS ENEMY—AN  
APPEAL TO THE LAW.**

It has been said from time immemorial that "two of a trade can never agree," and it is not therefore surprising that Mr. David Levy and Mr. Gustav Fuchs, both tobacconists of this city, should be on bad terms. For them to have smoked the pipe of peace would have been a comparatively reasonable proceeding, as they might have filled the said pipe at first cost. But

they did not so, and for nearly five years the flames of hate has burned in Mr. Fuchs' boom room steadily to the best cigar. On the 3d inst. it would have been easy to carry the metaphor still further by comparing the cigar to be one of those infamous contrivances charged with powder, which burn beautifully for a time and then explode with a puff that affords a diabolical mirth to the looker on and brings confusion and wrath to the smoker.

Mr. Fuchs is a handsome little gentleman, portly and florid, with a black mustache, a keen eye and quick, nervous way of speaking. He dresses well, withal, and his affability would make a favorable impression on any one. Mr. Fuchs felt that he had maintained a hollow peace long enough, and learning that Mr. Leary was about to obtain possession of a letter of his (Fuchs') to a third party, Mr. Fuchs exploded. Trembling with wrath, he wrote the following letter, which he sent to Mr. Leary.

New York, April 1, 1878.

MILWAUKEE FRAUD:—I hear that you feel yourself injured

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that the firm had been obliged to go into of him. He said that Mr. Fuchs was an honest man, but the firm did not prosper under his management, since such was the case that Mr. Fuchs had lost the use of his brain, and had bombarded them with letters on which they were about to bring an action for libel. This action was, however, dropped, and he received the receipt of the challenge, preferring to act on that.

Mr. Fuchs said the trouble was purely a business one, and he allowed himself to use strong language about it, but he was not mad of him. He was formerly a Prussian soldier and seemed greatly disgusted with the action of his adversary in going to court. He said:—"In my country if a gentleman is challenged to a duel, he is obliged to accept it, and he is bound heart to go upon it if it did sight me. But it all comes out in due court. Der books of der firm show how they have treat me."

A COLORED WOMAN'S SUICIDE.

Virginia Gould (colored), thirty years of age, committed suicide yesterday morning by cutting her throat with a razor at her residence, No. 104 Thompson street. Since the Rentall suicide she has

been despondent and made several allusions to that case. She became morbid in temper, and would frequently talk about death, making inquiries if one would suffer much by dying from wounds in the throat. Coroner Wolman was notified of the case. The husband of the deceased deposed as follows: "I am a married man, and have been so for twenty-three years; we have a daughter, and only child, aged twenty years, who is residing in Philadelphia; my wife and myself have lived happily together for twenty-three years, and I have never been hearted, and board her say that her looks in Philadelphia were opposed to her; about half-past ten on the last night I went to bed, and my wife then addressed me in the following manner: 'I have longed for prayers than usual; I awoke at six o'clock this morning and missed her from my bed; I got up and went into the room adjoining and saw her lying on the floor dead; I immediately went to the eighth precinct station house and reported that I found my wife dead; the razor found near her head was the same as the one found in the room; I cannot say what caused the deceased to take her life, unless she had something on her mind which she did not tell me about."

body. He found deceased lying on the left side, with a razor lying immediately beneath her right hand. The body was prone in a pool of blood. There was an incised wound of the throat on the left side, passing downward and to the right side, severing the carotid artery and trachea. Death was caused by shock from hemorrhage.